

Departmental Seminars - Autumn term 2008/09

The teaching programme for the Autumn term will run from 6 October until 12 December

The Departmental Seminars in Autumn term 2008/09 will be as follows:

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Prof. Anthony Molho and Martina Steer

Modern Jewish History in European Perspective

Jews have been an integral part of European societies and culture. This is true for economic, social, cultural and intellectual history. The seminar covers the period from the expulsion of Spanish Jewry, which is generally regarded as the beginning of modern Jewish history, up to the foundation of the State of Israel. It explores Jewish history from a transnational and transcultural perspective. Focusing on the political and cultural interaction between Jewish and non-Jewish societies, areas of analysis include the impact of the Enlightenment, the legal and political processes of emancipation, inner-Jewish religious and cultural developments, the significance of World War I, the concept of Jewish cultural renewal, Zionist and other political movements, anti-Semitism and the destruction of European Jewry. It is the aim to introduce into recent trends of Jewish historiography and to contextualize this subdiscipline in the wider historiography of Europe. The seminar is not only addressed to researchers who wish to specialize on Jewish history, but also to those who wish to gain more knowledge of the field for their own projects.

Usually on **Monday at 11,15 in Sala Belvedere**

[Syllabus](#) (.pdf)

Date	Title, Speaker and readings
13 October	Course Introduction, requirements Michael A. Meyer, Where does the modern period of Jewish history begin? In: Judaism 24 (1975). pp. 329-338
20 October	After the Expulsion Myriam Bodian, "'Men of the Nation': The Shaping of Converso Identity in Early Modern Europe," Past and Present, no. 143 (May 1944), pp. 48-76. Y. H. Yerushalmi, "Exile and Expulsion in Jewish History," in Bernard R. Gampel, Crisis and Creativity in the Sephardic World, 1391-1648 (1997), pp. 3-22.
27 October	Messianism and New Thinking in the 17th and 18th Century Jonathan I. Israel, European Jewry in the Age of Mercantilism, Oxford 1989, pp. 71-86; 207-236
3 November	Enlightenment and the Haskalah Lois C. Dubin, Trieste and Berlin: The Italian Role in the Cultural Politics of the Haskalah, in: Jacob Katz (ed.), Toward Modernity. The European Jewish Model, New Brunswick 1987, pp.189-224 Shmuel Feiner, Towards a Historical Definition of the Haskalah, in: Shmuel Feiner/David Sorkin (eds.), New Perspectives on the Haskalah, pp. 184-219 Marcin Wodzinski, Haskalah and Hasidism in the Kingdom of Poland, Oxford 2005, pp. <i>tba</i>
10 November	The Evolution of Reform Judaism and Modern Orthodoxy Mordechai Breuer, Modernity within Tradition: The Social History of Orthodox Jewry in Imperial Germany, New York 1992, pp. 1-53 (The setting of Orthodoxy) Michael A. Meyer, Response to Modernity. A History of the Reform Movement in Judaism, Detroit 1995, pp. 62-99
17 November	The Emergence of Modern Antisemitism Jacob Katz, From Prejudice to Destruction: Anti-Semitism 1700-1933, Cambridge 1980, pp. 245-300 (The movement: hungary, austria, germany) Theodore R. Weeks, From Assimilation to Antisemitism: The „Jewish Question“ in Poland, 1850-1914, De Kalb 2006, pp. 87-108 (The Beginnings of Modern Polish Antisemitism)
24 November	The Challenge of Politics: Zionism and Bundism Walter Laqueur, A History of Zionism, London 1972, pp. 589-599 Jonathan Frankel, Prophecy and Politics. Socialism, Nationalism and the Russian Jews, 1862-1917, London 1981, pp. 171-257 Esther Benbassa and Aron Rodrigue (ed.), Sephardi Jewry. A History

	of the Judeo-Spanish Community 14th-20th Centuries, Berkeley 2000, pp. 116-158 (paths of politicization)
1 December	<p>The Shoah Esther Benbassa and Aron Rodrigue, Sephardi Jewry. A History of the Judeo-Spanish Community, 14th-20th Centuries, Berkeley 2000, pp. 159-191 Raul Hilberg, The Destruction of the European Jews, Vol. III, New York 1985, pp. 1030-1044 Marion Kaplan, Between Dignity and Despair. Jewish Life in Nazi Germany, New York 1998, pp. 17-73</p>
8 December 6.00PM Cappella	<p style="text-align: center;">Within the framework of the seminar <i>Jewish History in European Perspective</i> Organized by Prof. Anthony Molho and Martina Steer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In cooperation with the <i>Jewish History Working Group</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Documentary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Mr. Zwilling and Mrs. Zuckermann”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Mr. Zwilling and Mrs. Zuckermann)</p>

Profs. Giulia Calvi and Sebastian Conrad

Toolbox. Current debates in historiography

This departmental seminar explores and questions current areas of historiography in a comparative and transnational perspective, and in a range going from social, economic and new political history to cultural, gender, global history, and the history of science. The aim is that of providing a broad overview of fields and frameworks in the discipline. Approaches and methods will be introduced and problematized, leading to a discussion of critical innovations, narrative forms and a “rethinking” of current historiographical modes. Apart from the two coordinators, it will be taught by a large number of professors in our department. The seminar is mainly addressed to first year students and intended as an introduction to current debates, and to the members of the faculty.

Usually held on **Tuesday, from 11,15-13,15 Sala Belvedere**

Date and speaker	Speakers and seminar titles
14 October	Gerhard Haupt: Recent Trends in the Field of Social History

21 October	Antonella Romano: History of Science
28 October	Steve Smith: Thinking about Popular Culture
4 November	Giulia Calvi: Gender as a Category of Historical Analysis
11 November	Maria Todorova: Postcolonial Studies and Eastern Europe
18 November	Sebastian Conrad: Global history
25 November	Bartolomé Yun: Economic history in the premodern period – thoughts and reflections
2 December	Philipp Ther: Lieux de Culture – Mapping European Culture

Profs. Antonella Romano and Heinz-Gerhard Haupt

History and Social Sciences. Theoretical approaches and styles of historical writings

The DS related to history and the other social sciences, as well as part of the social sciences, offers each year new approaches towards the entangled and often conflicting relationship between history, sociology, anthropology, and political sciences... This year, the main focus is devoted to a small number of social scientists whose opera deeply influenced within the last decades the "métier d'historien" (the writing of history, the styles of historical writing, and the methodological questions related to these previous questions). The selection is not an attempt to offer a larger picture of the current historiographical schools or sociological main streams, but rather a choice, partial and limited, made in order to analyse the use by historians of strong and clear research agendas elaborated within another field of investigation. The aim of the seminar is to combine a introductory approach to the opera of the social scientists selected and an analysis of their methods by historians. The expected result is that the researchers can reflectively elaborate their own research agenda for their PhD and also reflect on the various ways of writing an historical text. Each session will be organized around one or two papers introduced by a researcher and then commented on by the entire group, who are also expected to have read the texts.

Usually on **Tuesday at 13.00-15.00 in Sala Triaria**

Date	Title and readings
14 October	<p>Introduction and Max Weber</p> <p>Max Weber, "Objectivity "in Social Sciences, in: E.A. Shils a. H.A.Finch (eds.), <i>The Methodology of the social sciences</i>. Max Weber, New York 1949, (49) 89 -112</p> <p>Max Weber, <i>The sociology of charismatic authority</i>, In: H.H.Gerth a.C.Wright</p>



	Mills (eds.), From Max Weber. Essays in Sociology, London 1995, 245-252
21 October from 1.00- 4.00PM Sala Europa !	Max Weber and the historians Jürgen Kocka, The European Pattern and the German Case, In: J.Kocka a.AS.Mitchell (eds.), Bourgeois Society in Nineteenth-Century Europe, Oxford/Providence 1993, 3-39. Emile Gentile, Civil Religions and Political Religions, In: E.Gentile, Politics as Religion, Princeton 2006, 16-44 Hans-Ulrich Wehler, Die Natur charismatischer Herrschaft: die Monokratie des "Führers" und die Polykratie der Machtzentren, in: H.U.-Wehler, deutsche Gesellschaftsgeschichte Vol.4, München 2003, 623-635
28 October	Antonio Gramsci Antonio Gramsci, Quaderni dal Carcere, volume terzo, Quaderni 12-29 (1932-1935) ed. Einaudi, Quaderno 25 (XXIII) - 1934, pp. 2279-2294
4 November	Gramsci's legacy to subaltern studies The essential E.P. Thompson, edited by Dorothy Thompson, Marxism and History, from the Povertà of Theory and Other Essays, pp. 461-489 Subaltern Studies IV, Writing on South Asian History and Society, edited by Ranajit Guha, Oxford University Press, pp. 330-363 Dipesh Chakrabarty, Habitations of Modernity, Essays in the Wake of Subaltern Studies, The University of Chicago Press, pp. 20-37
11 November	Jürgen Habermas The structural transformation of teh Public Sphere. An Inquiry into a Category of Bourgeois Society, Cambridge Mass 1999, XVII-XIX 1-12, 14-43; 175-180, 236-244 Harold Mah, Phantasies of the Public Sphere: Rethinking the Habermas of Historians, in: Jozurnal of Modern History 72,2000, 153-182 Uffe Jensen, A communicative gap: Bourgeois Jews and Protestants in the public sphere of early Imperial Germany, in: History of European Ideas 32, 2006, 295-312
18 November from 1.00- 4.00PM seminar room II (Badia)	Michel Foucault Michel Foucault, Les Mots et les Choses, ed. Gallimard, pp. 7-31 Miche Foucault, The Order of Things, ed. Taviostock Publications, pp. 3-16 Michel Foucault, Sécurité, territoire, populations, ed. Hautes Etudes - - Gallimard Seuil, pp. 91-118



	Michel Foucault, <i>Security, Territory, Population</i> , ed. Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 87-114
25 November from 1.00- 4.00PM seminar room II (Badia)	Michel Foucault: the reading of historians Foucault and his interlocutors, edited and introduced by Arnold I. Davidson, eds. The University of Chicago Press, Paul Veyne, <i>Foucault Revolutionizes History</i> , pp. 146-182 Miche Foucault <i>Philosopher, Essays</i> translated from French and German by Timothy J. Armstrong, ed. Harvester Wheatsheaf, cpt. 6, Alessandro Pizzorno <i>Faucault and the liberal view of the individual</i> , pp. 204-211. The Cambridge Companion to Foucault, ed. by Gary Gutting, Cambridge University Press, Joseph House, <i>Power/Knowledge</i> , pp. 95-122
2 December	Pierre Bourdieu The Field of Cultural Production, or: the Economic World reversed, in: <i>The same, The Field of Cultural Production</i> , ed. By R.Johnson. Cambridge 1993, 29-54 La représentation politique. Elements pour une théorie du champ politique, in : <i>Actes de la recherche en sciences sociales (ARSS)</i> 36-37, 1981, 3-24 ; in English in <i>Language and symbolic power</i> , ed. by J.B.Thompson, Cambridge 1991, 171-202 <i>Distinction. A social critique of teh judgement of Taste</i> , London 1984, 1-7
9 December	Historians and Pierre Bourdieu Fritz Ringer, <i>Education, the middle classes and the intellectuals: the social field in modern France and Germany</i> , in: the same, <i>Fields of knowledge. French academic culture in comparative perspective, 1890-1920</i> , Cambridge 1992, 36-92 Louis Pinto, <i>La gestion d'un label politique: la consommation</i> , in: <i>ARSS</i> 91, 1992, 3 ff. Please read the e-article online: http://0-www.persee.fr/bibliosun.iue.it/web/revues/home/prescript/article/arss_0335-5322_1992_num_91_1_3002?Prescripts_Search_isPortletOuvrage=false Matthew Hilton, <i>The Banality of Consumption</i> , in: Kate Soper a.F.Trentmann



(eds.), *Citizenship and Consumption*, Basingstoke 2008, 87-103
M.de Certeau, Luce Girard, *The practice of everyday life*, Minnesota 1988, 180-183

P. Bourdieu, R. Chartier, R. Darnton, *Dialogue à propos de l'histoire culturelle*, *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, n. 59 pp. 86-93, année 1985 (e-journal) Please read online the article:

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[www.persee.fr/bibliosun.iue.it/web/revues/home/prescript/article/arss_0335-5322_1985_num_59_1_2276? Prescripts_Search_isPortletOuvrage=false](http://www.persee.fr/bibliosun.iue.it/web/revues/home/prescript/article/arss_0335-5322_1985_num_59_1_2276?Prescripts_Search_isPortletOuvrage=false)

Prof. Philipp Ther and Maria Todorova

Nationalism: Theory, historical development, comparative case studies

Nationalism, an issue which was considered to have passed its peak in the postwar period, now dominates world politics and permeates political discourse. What explains the recurrence, persistence and ubiquity of this phenomenon? What are its peculiar manifestations in different historical periods? Which are the main forms of its articulation? How does it differ across geographical borders, class boundaries, gender and generational cleavages?

In its main part, this seminar will focus on theories of nationalism, and will deal with problems of definition, the pre-modern or modern origins of nationalism, its main chronological and geographical varieties and the models proposed to describe them, the typology of nationalist movements and the articulation of nationalist discourse. The readings draw on a variety of approaches – historical, sociological, anthropological, literary, psychological -- and aim at providing a solid introduction to the scholarly literature. The last part of the course is devoted to researcher presentations where insights gained from theory can be applied to particular case studies.

Usually on **Tuesday at 15.00-17.00 in Sala Belvedere**

Date	Title and readings
14 October	Session 1 Introduction into Nationalism Studies <u>Required reading</u> Ernest Renan, "What is a Nation?" in Geoff Eley and Ronald Grigor Suny (eds.), <i>Becoming National: A Reader</i> (Oxford: Oxford UP, 1996), 41-55.
21 October	I. The Modernist Paradigm in Nationalism Studies - Session 2



	<p>Historians on Nationalism: "The Invention of Tradition"</p> <p><u>Required reading</u> Eric Hobsbawm, <i>Nations and Nationalism since 1780</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1990), 1-100.</p> <p><u>Optional Literature:</u></p> <p>Maria Todorova, "The trap of backwardness: modernity, temporality and the study of Eastern European nationalism," <i>Slavic Review</i> 64 (Spring 2005), 140-164</p>
28 October	<p>- Session 3 Anthropologists on Nationalism: the cultural origins of the nation</p> <p><u>Required reading</u> Benedict Anderson, <i>Imagined Communities</i> (London: Verso, 1983), 5-7 and 37-140.</p>
4 November	<p>Session 4 Sociologists on Nationalism: the functionalist approach</p> <p><u>Required reading</u> Ernest Gellner, <i>Nations and Nationalism</i> (Ithaca: Cornell UP, 1983), 1-109</p>
11 November	<p>II Challenges to the Modernist Paradigm</p> <p>Session 5 Etho-symbolism and the debate between Anthony D. Smith and Ernest Gellner</p> <p><u>Required reading</u> Anthony D. Smith, "The Origins of Nations", <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> 12, 3 (July 1989), 340-367.</p> <p>"The Warwick Debate," In <i>Nations and Nationalism</i>, vol.2, part 3, Nov.1996, 358-388</p> <p>Miroslav Hroch, "Real and Constructed: The Nature of the Nation," in J.A.Hall (ed.), <i>The State of the Nation: Ernest Gellner and the Theory of Nationalism</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1998), 91-106.</p> <p><u>Optional Literature</u> Anthony D. Smith, <i>The Antiquity of Nations</i> (London: Polity Press, 2004).</p>
18 November	<p>III. Regional and Time Specificities of Nationalism</p>



	<p>Session 6 Nationalism Outside Europe</p> <p><u>Required reading</u></p> <p>Partha Chatterjee, <i>The Nation and Its Fragments</i> (Princeton: Princeton UP, 1993), Introduction and Conclusion.</p> <p>Prasenjit Duara. "Historicizing National Identity, or Who Imagines What and When", in Eley and Suny, <i>Becoming National</i>, 150-177.</p> <p>Ann Stoler, "Sexual Affronts and Racial Frontiers" in Eley and Suny, <i>Becoming National</i>, 286-322.</p>
25 November	<p>Session 7 Nationalism in the interwar period</p> <p><u>Required reading</u></p> <p>Rogers Brubaker, <i>Nationalism Reframed. Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1996), 1-10 and 55-78.</p> <p>Yuri Slezkine, "The USSR as a Communal Apartment, or How a Socialist State Promoted Ethnic Nationalism," ?" in Eley and Suny, <i>Becoming National</i>, 203-238.</p> <p>Martin Broszat, The Third Reich and the German People; in Hedley Bull ed. <i>The Challenge of the Third Reich</i>, Clarendon Press, pp. 77-94</p>
2 December	<p>Session 8 Nationalism in the postwar period: the decline of the nation?</p> <p>Anne Mc Clintock, "'No Longer in a Future Heaven'? Nationalism, Gender, and Race": in Eley and Suny, <i>Becoming National</i>, 260-284</p> <p>Liisa Malkki, "National Geographic: The Rooting of Peoples and the Territorialization of National Identity among Scholars and Refugees", in Eley and Suny, <i>Becoming National</i>, 434-455.</p> <p>David Morley and Kevin Robins, "No Place Like Heimat: Images of Homeland in European Culture", in Eley and Suny, <i>Becoming National</i>, 456-480.</p> <p>Peter Waldmann, „Gewaltsamer Separatismus. Westeuropäische Nationalitätenkonflikte in vergleichender Perspektive“, in H.A. Winkler, H. Kaelble (eds.), <i>Nationalismus - Nationalitäten</i> –</p>



	<p><i>Supranationalität</i> (Stuttgart: Klett-Cotta, 1993), 82-107.</p> <p>Optional Literature: <i>Peter Waldmann, Radicalismo Étnico. Análisis comparado de las causas y efectos en conflictos étnicos violentos</i> (Madrid: Akal, 1997)</p>
9 December	<p>Session 9 Back to Nationalism after 1989: The disintegration of Yugoslavia and its repercussions</p> <p><u>Required reading</u></p> <p>Bette Denich, "Dismembering Yugoslavia: Nationalist Ideologies and the Symbolic Revival of Genocide", in <i>American Ethnologist</i> 21, no. 2 (1994), 367-90.</p> <p>Valère P. Gagnon, <i>The Myth of Ethnic War: Serbia and Croatia in the 1990s</i> (Ithaca: Cornell UP, 2004), introduction and conclusion.</p> <p>Katherine Verdery, "Nationalism, Postsocialism, and Space in Eastern Europe," <i>Social Research</i> 63, 1, 77-95.</p>
16 December	<p>Session 10 Final Discussion</p> <p><u>Seminar Requirements:</u></p> <p>Obligatory:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please read the <u>required reading</u>2. One (depending on the number of participants) short oral compilation of an book or article from the syllabus (5-10 min.): main content, main hypothesis <p>- One oral presentation of a case study of your interest, in which you apply theories of nationalism</p> <p>Optional:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Seminar paper of 20-25 pages. It can be based on the presented case study.



Profs. Martin van Gelderen and Sebastian Conrad

The Enlightenment and its Legacies: Europe and Beyond

This seminar is not principally designed as an introduction into the history of the Enlightenment. Our main aim is to discuss – in an exemplary fashion – recent re-assessments of the historical, cultural and political significance of the Enlightenment and to explore its legacies. In the first part of the seminar, we will be concerned with the ‘European’ and ‘Atlantic’ dimensions of the phenomenon and ask to what extent the Enlightenment project was a trans-national phenomenon. Secondly, we will discuss the relevance of Enlightenment thinking for non-European elites and ask to what extent the term is appropriate to describe intellectual transformation in (selected) non-European contexts. Thirdly, we will tackle the issue of current re-evaluations of the enlightenment, both from the perspective of post-colonial studies and within the political debate about the current significance of the ‘enlightenment project’ and its values.

Usually on **Tuesday at 15.00-17.00 in sala Belvedere**

Date and speaker	Title and readings
14 October	<p>What was Enlightenment? Primary Sources: - Moses Mendelssohn, ‘On the Question: What is Enlightenment’ (1784), in James Schmid (ed.), <i>What Is Enlightenment?: Eighteenth-century Answers and Twentieth-century Questions</i>, University of California press, 1996, 53-57 - Immanuel Kant, ‘An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?’ in James Schmid (ed.), <i>What Is Enlightenment?: Eighteenth-century Answers and Twentieth-century Questions</i>, University of California press, 1996, 58-64 Commentary - James Schmidt, ‘What Enlightenment Was: How Moses Mendelssohn and Immanuel Kant Answered the Berlinische Monatsschrift’, <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i>, Volume 30, Number 1, January 1992, pp. 77-101 - Don Herzog, ‘The Enlightenment, Republicanism and other Ghostly Afflictions’, <i>Political Theory</i>, vol. 31, no. 2 (2003), 295-301 Suggestions for further Reading - John Christian Laursen, “The Subversive Kant: the Vocabulary of ‘Public’ and ‘Publicity’”, (this is ch. 9 of J. C. Laursen, <i>The Politics of Skepticism in the Ancients, Montaigne, Hume, and Kant</i>, 1992) in James Schmidt, ed., “What is Enlightenment?": Eighteenth Century Answers and Twentieth Century Questions (University of California Press, 1996), 253-269. - Haydn Mason, ‘Optimism, Progress, and Philosophical History’ in</p>



	Mark Goldie, Robert Wokler (eds.), <i>The Cambridge History of Eighteenth-Century Political Thought</i> , Cambridge 2006, 195-217
21 October	<p>Was there a European Enlightenment? Seminar Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Robert Darnton, 'The Case for the Enlightenment: George Washington's False Teeth' in Robert Darnton, <i>George Washington's False Teeth: An Unconventional Guide to the Eighteenth Century</i>, New York: Norton & co, 2003, 3-24- J.G.A. Pocock, 'The Re-description of Enlightenment' (Isaiah Berlin Lecture, 2003) <i>Proceedings of the British Academy</i>, vol 125, Oxford, 2004, 101-117. <p>Suggestions for further reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- J.G.A. Pocock, <i>Barbarism and Religion. Volume One: The Enlightenments of Edward Gibbon, 1737-1764</i>, Cambridge, 1999- J.G.A. Pocock, 'Enlightenment and counter-enlightenment, revolution and counter-revolution; a eurosceptical enquiry', History of Political Thought, Volume 20, Number 1, 1999, pp. 125-139.- J.G.A. Pocock, <i>The Discovery of Islands. Essays in British History</i>, Cambridge, 2005- John Robertson, 'The Enlightenments of J.G.A. Pocock', <i>Storia della Storiografia/History of Historiography</i>, vol. 39, 2001, pp. 140-151.- John Robertson, <i>The Case for the Enlightenment. Scotland and Naples, 1680-1760</i>, Cambridge, 2005, Chapter 1: The Case for the Enlightenment, pp. 1-42.
28 October	<p>'The 'Other' in European Enlightenment Historiography: Voltaire Primary Sources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Voltaire, <i>Essai sur les mœurs et sur l'esprit des nations</i>, 1756 (chapter on Asia) <p>Commentary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- J.G.A. Pocock, <i>Barbarism and Religion. Volume Two: Narratives of Civil Government</i>, Cambridge University Press, 1999, in particular 97-120 (Voltaire and Asia) <p>Suggestions for further reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Daniel Brewer, <i>The Enlightenment Past: Reconstructing Eighteenth-Century French Thought</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2008- Karen O'Brien, 'Voltaire's neoclassical poetics of history' in Karen O'Brien, Narratives of Enlightenment: Cosmopolitan History from Voltaire to Gibbon, Cambridge, 21-55- Osterhammel, Jürgen. Die Entzauberung Asiens. Europa und Die Asiatischen Reiche Im 19. Jahrhundert, München (C.H. Beck) 1998.- Lüsebrink, Hans-Jürgen (Hg), <i>Das Europa der Aufklärung und die außereuropäische koloniale Welt</i>, Göttingen (Wallstein) 2002.- Pagden, Anthony, <i>European Encounters with the New World: From the Renaissance to Romanticism</i>, New Haven (Yale University Press) 1994.



4 November	<p>Was there an Atlantic Enlightenment?</p> <p>Primary Sources</p> <p>- 'The Declaration of Independence', 1776 (available in many editions)</p> <p>Commentary</p> <p>- David Armitage, <i>The Declaration of Independence: A Global History</i>, Harvard University press, 2007, 1-62</p> <p>Suggestions for further reading</p> <p>- Henry Steele Commager, <i>The Empire Of Reason: How Europe Imagined and America Realized the Enlightenment</i>, New ed., Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2000</p> <p>- Henry May, <i>The Enlightenment in America</i>, New York, 1976</p> <p>- Gordon Wood, 'The American Enlightenment' in Gary McDowell and Johnathan O'Neill (eds.), <i>America and Enlightenment constitutionalism</i>, Palgrave MacMillan, 2006, 159-175</p> <p>- Gordon Wood, 'The Founders and the Enlightenment' in Gordon Wood, <i>Revolutionary Characters: What made the Founders different</i>, New York: The Penguin press, 2006, 1-28, 276-279</p>
11 November	<p>Arab Visions of Enlightenment and Modernity</p> <p>Invited speaker: Ulrike Freitag (Free University of Berlin)</p>
18 November	<p>Enlightenment and Postcolonial Critique</p> <p>Text: Dipesh Chakrabarty, <i>Subaltern Histories and Post-Enlightenment Rationalism</i>, in Id., <i>Habitations of Modernity. Essays in the Wake of Subaltern Studies</i>, Chicago: University of Chicago Press 2002, 20-37.</p> <p>Suggestions for background reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dipesh Chakrabarty, <i>Provincializing Europe: Postcolonial Thought and Historical Difference</i>, Princeton: Princeton University Press 2000.• Sankar Muthu, <i>Enlightenment Against Empire</i>, Princeton: Princeton University Press 2003.• Gyan Prakash, <i>Another Reason: Science and the Imagination of Modern India</i>, Princeton: Princeton University Press 1999.• Gyan Prakash, 'Subaltern Studies as Postcolonial Criticism', in: <i>American Historical Review</i> 99 (1994), 1475-1490.• Daniel Carey and Lynn Festa (eds.), <i>Postcolonial Enlightenment: Eighteenth-Century Colonialisms and Postcolonial Theory</i>, Oxford (Oxford University Press) 2009.
25 November	<p>A Japanese Enlightenment?</p>



	<p>Invited speaker: Christopher L. Hill (Yale University)</p> <p>Background reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carmen Blacker, <i>The Japanese Enlightenment: The Writings of Fukuzawa Yukichi</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1964.• Fukuzawa Yukichi. <i>Outline of a Theory of Civilization</i>. Translated by David A. Dilworth and G. Cameron Hurst. Tokyo: Sophia University, 1973.• Carol Gluck, <i>Japan's Modern Myths. Ideology in the Late Meiji Period</i>, Princeton: Princeton University Press 1985.• Christopher L. Hill, <i>National History and the World of Nations: Capital, State, and the Rhetoric of History in Japan, France, and the United States</i>, Durham: Duke University Press 2009.• Karatani Kôjin. <i>Origins of Modern Japanese Literature</i>. Translation edited by Brett de Bary. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1993.• Schwarcz, Vera. <i>The Chinese Enlightenment: Intellectuals and the Legacy of the May Fourth Movement of 1919</i>. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1986.
2 December	<p>Are we still Enlightened? Postmodern Legacies.</p> <p>Seminar Text</p> <p>- Richard Rorty, 'The Continuity between Enlightenment and 'Postmodernism'' in Keith Michael Baker, Peter Hanns Reill (eds.), <i>What's left of Enlightenment: A Postmodern Question</i>, Stanford University Press, 2001, 19-39</p> <p>Suggestions for further reading</p> <p>- Lorraine Daston, 'Enlightenment Fears, Fears of Enlightenment', in Baker and Reill (eds.), <i>What's left of Enlightenment: A Postmodern Question</i>, Stanford University Press, 2001, 115-128</p> <p>- James Schmidt, 'What Enlightenment Project?', <i>Political Theory</i>, vol. 28 (2000), 734-757</p>

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Comparative and Trans-National History. Theories and Case Studies

Comparative history and transnational history are not at all new. Already at the beginning of the 20th century M. Bloch called for comparative analysis of the past and L. Febvre stated that "there is no history but comparative history". Explicitly or implicitly, historians always make comparisons and face the necessity of understanding the influences and interplay between diverse peoples and cultures. Yet, recent trends oblige us to enhance such approaches by consciously using more sophisticated and formalised tools of analysis. The image of Europe as a culture of cultures and the crisis of the nation state force the historian to compare different historical trends and to overcome the traditional nineteenth century "inter-national" history. Similarly, we need to go beyond the study of the European past as a set of national histories and, therefore, to adopt a view which perhaps is not an alternative, but is at least complimentary. This is a perspective which privileges the analysis of the relationships and the entanglements among different imagined communities or among social groups located within. Entangled history and "histoire croisée" can become in this way the methods for a - broadly speaking- trans-"national" perspective.

All these reasons help us to understand the increasing awareness of historians for these types of approaches. But, in spite of its apparent simplicity, comparative and trans-national history implies the use of very specialised techniques, which require self-criticism, rigour and a good deal of reflection to make of them appropriate tools of analysis. The main aim of this seminar is to put the students in contact with the great theoretical debates taking place in this field and to provide them with some insights that might be useful for their particular research. We will proceed by discussing the general problems of the discipline but also by considering some cases-studies ranging from the 16th to the 20th century, which –we hope- will be useful for them no matter what their specialization or field of research.

Different colleagues from the HEC have been invited to present their own experience in doing comparative or/and Trans-national and entangled history.

Usually on **Thursday at 9.00-11.00 in sala Belvedere**

Date	speaker and title
16 October	Professors G.Haupt and B.Yun <i>Comparative History (Theories and Methods)</i> . Readings: Marc Bloch, Pour une histoire comparée des sociétés européennes, in : Marc Bloch, <i>Mélanges historiques</i> , 1, Paris 1963, 16-40 (in english translation : in : F.C.Lane (ed.), <i>Enterprise and Secular Change</i> : Readings in Economic History, London 1953)



	<p>Heinz-Gerhard Haupt, Comparative history- a contested method, in: Historisk Tidskrift 127, 2007, 697-716</p> <p>Jürgen Kocka, Comparison and beyond, in: history and Theory 42, 2004, 39-44</p> <p>Nancy Green, Forms of comparison, in: D.Cohen a. M.O'Connor (eds.), Comparison and History. Europe in Cross-National Perspective, New York –London 2004, 41-56</p>
23 October	<p>Professors G. Haupt and B. Yun <i>Towards a definition of Trans-national History (Theories and Methods)</i></p> <p>Readings</p> <p>M. Werner and B. Zimmermann, « Beyond comparison : <i>histoire croisée</i> and the challenge of reflexivity » in History and Theory, 45 (2006), 30-50.</p> <p>B. Yun-Casalilla, "Localism", global history and transnational history A reflection from the historian of early modern Europe, in Historisk Tidskrift, num. 4 (2008) pp. 659-88</p> <p>AHR Converstion: On Trans-national History (Bayly, Beckert, Connelly, Hofmeyr. Kozol and Seed), on <i>The American Historical Review</i>, num. 5 (2006).</p>
30 October	<p>Professor G. Federico <i>Where comparison is not a problem: economic history</i></p>
6 Novemebr	<p>Professor A. Romano <i>Religious history in a transnational perspective</i></p>
13 November	<p>Ph. Ther, <i>Institution, or Spoliation and Restitution of Jewish Property</i></p>
20 Novemebr	<p>Professor S. Conrad <i>How to Write the History of Historiography beyond the Nation-State? The Case of Japan</i></p>
27 November	<p>Professor S. Smith, <i>Cultural History in Comparative Perspective</i></p>
4 December	<p>Professor K. Patel <i>Doing Comparative History. Promises and Pitfalls.</i></p>
11 December 5.00PM- 7.00PM sala Belvedere NB: change of time	<p>Professors Haupt and Yun, <i>Concluding discussion.</i></p>

